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First National Wilderness Training Held at Ninemile

Forest Service line officers service-wide attended the first National Wilderness Management Training for line officers recently at Ninemile Wildlands Training Center. They wrestled with problems of wilderness management and discussed subjects ranging from fire management and cultural resources to the use of primitive skills and the roles of line officers in wilderness management.

Keynote speakers were retired Congressman John Seiberling of Ohio, history professor Dr. Roderick Nash of the University of California, and retired Chief Max Peterson.

Appropriate to the training topic, participants camped in tents in the wooded area above Ninemile Ranger Station. They ate in a tent "mess-hall," and hiked to the

training center each day through the "Mule Mountain Wilderness" (designated informally by the Lolo National Forest for the training session).



Above: Attendees' living quarters at wilderness training session.
Left: Wilderness leaders join guests in a barbecue.



Mule Mountain Wilderness - specially, but informally, designated by the Lolo National Forest for the National Wilderness Management Training. Photos by Deanna Riebe.

Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Outward Bound, the Sierra Club, Idaho Outfitters and Guides, and Colorado State University.

At a panel discussion towards the end of the week, local conservation group leaders gave their viewpoint of wilderness management, then joined participants and other guests in a barbecue.

The 55 participants included 3 regional foresters, 4 deputy regional foresters, 25 supervisors and deputy supervisors, and 7 non-Forest Service attendees representing the



New Directors on Board

Terry Solberg -- New Manager for MTDC

Missoula Technology Development Center has a new manager. Terry Solberg, formerly supervisor of the Ochoco National Forest in Prineville, Oregon, reported to his new assignment June 26, succeeding Lee Northcutt, who retired earlier this year.

Terry is a veteran of 26 years with the Forest Service, beginning his career on the Bitterroot NF. He served as assistant district ranger on the Medora District, Custer NF, and as district ranger on the Lewis & Clark NF. He worked in minerals in the Regional Office in Missoula, then spent 3 1/2 years with the minerals

and geology staff in the Washington Office. Solberg then served as deputy forest supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot NF from 1984 to 1988, before becoming supervisor of the Ochoco NF.

Solberg's wife, Katherine, was recently named director of personnel management for the Northern Region.



Katherine Solberg -- Director of Personnel Management

Katherine Solberg, administrative officer for the Deschutes NF, is the new director of personnel management for the Northern Region, and will begin her new assignment June 26. She succeeds John "Skip" Benediktson, who retired last December.

Katherine began her Federal career as a personnel management intern for the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington D.C. She transferred to the Forest service in 1977 as personnel officer for the Lewis & Clark NF, and in 1980 transferred to the Flathead NF, also as personnel officer.

From 1981 to 1984 she served as personnel classification specialist in the Washington Office, then moved to the Regional Office in Region Six, serving as group leader for employment, classification and organization. She was named administrative officer for the Deschutes NF in 1988.



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Forest Service Prepares For 100th Birthday

by Kim Crowley, Student Intern, Regional Public Affairs Office

Before March 30, 1891, government policy regarding public lands was principally concerned with disposing of land. In 1891 however, Congress passed the Creation Act establishing the Yellowstone Park Forest Reserve. This was the first moment in conservation history; the seed of what has become the complex system of national forests, national parks, wildlife refuges, and Bureau of Land Management lands so important to us today.

In 1991, the Forest Service will celebrate 100 years of the National Forest System. Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson considers the centennial "a unique opportunity to share with our fellow citizens the proud history of the national forests." The goals of the centennial celebration are to heighten public awareness of natural re-

source conservation, encourage secondary schools to include conservation history and issues in their curriculum, and to increase Forest Service employees' appreciation of the intellectual, cultural, and historical framework of conservation history.

Celebrations are being planned in national forests throughout the country. In Region One a planning committee has proposed a long list of events, including: applying to enter the Region's pack train in the 1990 Tournament of Roses Parade; a rededication of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Highway on Marias Pass; a Forest Service/Park Service poster; a Yellowstone Reserve poster; various media events and publications; and a momento to all Region One employees.

On a national level the Northern Region will co-host, with the University of

Montana, a history conference on the organization of the National Forest System. In conjunction with the Centennial celebration, a national reunion of Forest Service employees and retirees is being hosted by the White River NF in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

On Region One's planning committee are Laird Robinson (Chair) and Kim Delgado, Regional Office; Bob Krepps and Al Adams, Helena NF; Nan Christianson, Bitterroot NF; Frank Cifala, Gallatin NF; Jack deGolia, Beaverhead NF; Allen Gibbs, Idaho Panhandle NFs; and Elaine Murphy, Nez Perce NF.



Special Recognition

Beaverhead National Forest

Diana McCann's is a success story in more than one way. A 1976 graduate of the University of Montana in geography and cartography, she first worked for the Soil Conservation Service and later the Forest Service. She resigned in 1983 to start her own company, doing the same work, but as a contractor.

Running her own company and working out of her home allows Diana flexibility - a very important item to her. It lets her be with her two young sons and husband, and still work. Much of her work is still for the Forest Service.

Diana was recently recognized by the Beaverhead National Forest and the Butte District of the Bureau of Land Management for work she did on the 1990

revision of the Southwest Montana Interagency Visitor Map. For this particular project she was hired as a temporary employee, but still did much of the work at home on her own equipment.

Nils "Swede" Troedsson, of the Beaverhead NF, said he appreciated the way Diana worked with minimal supervision, and coordinated the project between several different land management agencies, resolving some complex mapping problems.

Troedsson said the result was an exceptionally neat, coordinated, and accurate product. He noted that this is a good example of how the agency can accommodate the needs of an employee and still have productive work.



Diana McCann accepts award from "Swede" Troedsson of the Beaverhead NF. Photo by Mark Wiggins.

Lewis and Clark National Forest

Great Falls Cross Country Club was nominated for President Bush's Volunteer Action Award for their work on ski trails on the Kings Hill District, Lewis & Clark NF. Club members volunteered nearly 3200 hours designing, constructing, maintaining and grooming 12 miles of cross-country ski trails, and maintaining an additional 18 miles of ungroomed ski trails.

Ray Martin, fire management officer for Musselshell Ranger District, Lewis & Clark NF, recently received an award for "Equitable Employer" from the Human Resource Office of the Montana University System in Helena. He was recognized for his efforts in working with social agencies and the public to "recruit, hire and train employees for the Forest Service without regard to gender."

Clearwater National Forest

The Clearwater NF and supervisor Fred Trevey are being recognized for their implementation of the Rise to the Future fisheries program during 1989. Formal recognition by Trout Unlimited and the Forest Service will be in September.

Regional Office



Colleen O'Brien

Colleen O'Brien, of TCFPM, received a Certificate of Merit for creating the Timber Sale Administration Handbook for Region One. This very professional product will be useful to foresters throughout the Region. Colleen has been a Stay-in-School student for TCFPM for the past two years.

Deerlodge, Helena, and Lewis & Clark NFs

Richard Call, zone timber staff, was recognized as the Region's outstanding timber staff officer for 1989 for his strong leadership and dedication in assuring quality management of the timber resource on the Deerlodge, Helena, and Lewis & Clark NFs.

Kootenai National Forest

by Jeannie Spooner, Public Affairs Officer

Jim Wardensky, hydrologic technician, recently became the holder of the Raiffeisen Award, the highest level of recognition given credit union volunteers.

The award is given to those who complete a comprehensive self-study course, including passing a final exam. Jim is a member of the Credit Committee of the Lincoln Government Employees Credit Union in Libby. Fellow committee members say that Jim's diligence for self-improvement and use of the knowledge gained have helped the committee make better decisions on potential loans.

Considering that Jim is also a sergeant in the Montana National Guard and a Level IV Forest Law Enforcement Officer, his extra work as a credit union volunteer provides an outstanding example of a Forest Service employee "serving the people" both on and off the job!

Kootenai National Forest

Jerry Park, forester, received a Certificate of Merit for his leadership and creativity in establishing and implementing new timber utilization standards for the Forest, which now serve as a model for the Region. Early in 1989 Jerry's initiative and interest in improving timber utilization won him chairmanship of a Regional committee on timber utilization.

Partnerships in Action

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Helena National Forest

Detailers Assist

by Lorraine Parrish, Public Affairs Specialist

The Helena NF was hard hit by "winter kill" during the severe winter of '89. The majority of the damaged timber is located on Lincoln District. Through the efforts of detailers as well as District and Forest specialists, the huge job of completing the analysis of the damaged areas was accomplished in a timely manner to allow harvest this year.

Special recognition was given to three detailers — Jon Fint and Wayne Hance from Region Five, and Rick Larson from Wisdom District on the Beaverhead NF. Lincoln District personnel receiving recognition were Tom Dauenhauer, Jim Veiman, Kari Hippenmeyer, Greg Clark, Laura Burns, Linda Menard and Debbie Sutton.

In addition to the final product, the shared ideas, information and friendship benefitted everyone. The Helena NF and Lincoln District extend their sincere thanks to all involved with the project.

Bull River Ranger Station Celebrates the Past

Historic demonstrations, displays, country chicken barbecue, entertainment, square dancing, fiddlers -- are all part of this cultural event. All proceeds go to restoration of the historic Bull River Ranger Station.

July 21, 10:00 a.m. to midnight
Noxon Park, Noxon, Montana

Come Along and Join the Fun !!!

Sponsored by the
Cabinet Wilderness Historical Society

Pack Train Gets New Tractor

Kenworth Truck Sales of Omaha, Nebraska, and the Hole-in-the-Wall Lodge, Inc. of Alberton, Montana, has donated this Kenworth T400 tractor to the Northern Region to haul the Regional Pack Train. The tractor it replaces lacked the power needed to adequately pull the mule's trailer.

Standing in front of the Regional Pack Train's new tractor are, left to right: Tom Sherry of the Hole-in-the-Wall Lodge; Rod French, Kenworth Truck Sales & the Hole-in-the-Wall Lodge; John Mumma, Regional Forester; Cal Samsel, lead packer for the Pack Train; and Jim Palmer, Hole-in-the-Wall Lodge.

Custer National Forest

Neighbors Lend a Hand

Sheyenne Ranger District (Sheyenne National Grasslands) is located on the eastern edge of North Dakota - a five-hour drive from the nearest neighboring District. When a prescribed burn was planned last spring to enhance the wildlife habitat and livestock forage of the Grasslands, the District's staff of five (district ranger, resource assistant, range technician, support services supervisor, and clerk typist) needed help.

Response to that need came from the local communities as well as Forest Service employees from Medora, McKenzie, and Beartooth Districts, and the Supervisor's Office in Billings. Permittees from the Sheyenne Valley Grazing Association, North Dakota State Forest Service, and the Lisbon, Enderlin-Sheldon, and Wyndmere volunteer fire departments all supplied volunteer manpower and equipment. Three employees of the Soil Conservation Service also pitched in.

This cooperative effort is a good example of the kind of partnerships that are needed to see us through the challenges of natural resource management in the '90's.

Deerlodge National Forest

A Unique Partnership Idea

Interpretation of several ghost towns near the Deerlodge National Forest was enhanced when a partnership produced displays of ghost town photographs, a gallery talk, and guided tour of the Elkhorn ghost town. The partnership includes the Butte Silver Bow Arts Foundation, the Butte Society of Architects, the Bureau of Land Management and the Deerlodge National Forest.

John Alley, Greg Leetz, and Bo Nielsen of the Forest helped with arrangements and produced a handbill and maps locating towns near Butte. Author Donald C. Miller, the featured speaker, talked about the ghost towns and their residents.

Caring For The Environment

Kootenai National Forest



Young Scouts help clean up litter along Highway 2, south of Libby.

Foremost among Earth Day volunteers demonstrating their concern for the environment in the Kootenai NF area were the local Scouts, who eagerly helped with many projects.

Troy Boy Scout Troop 24 worked with Three Rivers District employees assembling wood duck nesting boxes and cleaning up the Troy Museum nature trail.

About 40 Libby Boy Scouts and their leaders joined with Libby and Fisher River District and East Zone employees, plant-

ing 1500 trees in the Sheldon Flats area five miles north of Libby. While the Boy Scouts were planting trees, a contingent of 70 Cadets, Brownies, Daisies and Girl Scouts, with their leaders and Forest employees, picked up debris along Highways 2 and 37. Money received from aluminum cans was donated by the Girl Scouts to the local animal shelter for new cages.

Rexford and Fortine Districts set up recycling (exchange) projects for trees, shrubs and flower bulbs working with Girl Scouts and school groups on beautification projects. Forest Service employees painted the Rexford School House and old Rexford Church located in Eureka's Historical Village, and refinished tables and benches in Eureka City Park.

On Cabinet District, a full slate of activities were accomplished on Earth Day including involving employees and the Noxon Park Association in a cleanup of Triangle Pond.

Jeannie Spooner, Public Affairs Specialist

Flathead National Forest



In celebration of Arbor Day this spring, Ken Brewer and Patrick Thomas, of the Flathead NF, worked with 5th and 6th graders to replace a birch tree and plant a natural shelterbelt. The students planted a total of 62 seedlings.

Beaverhead National Forest



A community event in Ennis: Led by Madison District's Jonathan Klein, Ennis residents filled a time capsule with memorabilia of Earth Day 1990 for folks on Earth Day 2010. Included in the time capsule were things they hoped not to see in 2010, like plastic bottles and diapers. Photo by Jack deGolia.



Cowboy Earth Day: Bands of litter pickers were strung out from the town of Divide to Wise River, gathering so much trash hidden along Montana Highway 43 that the local dump was overwhelmed. Photo by Jack deGolia.

Lewis and Clark National Forest

Natural Resources Day

This spring over 130 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in Judith Basin County participated in "Natural Resources Day" on Judith District. Employees gave presentations on fire ecology, the role of fire suppression, wildlife and fisheries management, forest silviculture, and recreation. Each student was given the opportunity to plant a tree, use a tree borer to determine age and growth, and broadcast Douglas-fir seed at the site of the 1988 Iron Claims Fire. This was the first formal exposure to the Forest Service for most of the students.

Personnel Actions

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

BARNIER, JO, genrl biol, Darby RD, promot, dist ranger, R-9, Chequamegon NF, Medford RD
BIRCHFIELD, DARLYN, sec, SO, resignation
CAMPBELL, DAVID, frstr, R-6, Okanogan NF, Twisp RD, promot, dist ranger, Sula RD
DUNLOP, JON, supv civ eng, Lolo NF, cash award
FERGUSON, CLARENCE, supv soc svrc asst, R-2, Pine Ridge CCC, reassign, recreation asst, Trapper Creek CCC
FERGUSON, FRANK, frstry tech, Sula RD, cash award
GAUL, ROYLENE, resource clk, SO, cash award
GORDON, DENNIS, soil sci, Sula RD, belt buckle award
HAMMER, BOB, hydrol, SO, belt buckle award
HUGHES, MELISSA, compr asst, Trapper Creek CCC, cash award
KING, DON, frstry tech, West Fork RD, cash award
LUSK, SCOTT, assst resour ofcrr, R-5, Six Rivers NF, Mad River RD, reassign, range conservationist, Sula RD
MAIS, MARILYN, frstr aid, SO, reassign, hydrol aid and cash award
MARSH, SHIRLEY, pers asst, SO, belt buckle award
MILLIGAN, BETTE, editl asst, SO, retirement
O'DONNELL, DANIEL, supv trng spec, R-6, Umpqua NF, Wolf Creek CCC, promotion, cook foreman, Trapper Creek CCC
ORMISTON, JOHN, wildl biol, SO, belt buckle award
RENTON, BOB, pers ofcrr, R-9, Mark Twain NF, belt buckle award
SWANSON, RICK, fish biol, SO, belt buckle award
THOMPSON, J. KIRK, civ eng, Lolo NF, reassign, supv civ eng, SO
UNDERWOOD, RITA, supr svrcs speclst, Stevensville RD, promotion
VOLICK, RICHARD, frstry tech, Stevensville RD, cash award

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

BRICKELL, TIMOTHY, frstr tech, Malhuer NF, lateral to frstr, Powell RD
CURTIS, RANDY, supvry civ eng tech, SO, cash award
EMCH, DALLAS, frstr, North Fork RD, promot to dist ranger, Pierce RD
FITCH, PETER, supvry frstr tech, Mt. Hood NF, lateral to frstr tech, North Fork RD
GRIESER, JOAN, supvry civ eng, Lochsa RD, lateral to Kaibab NF (R3)
HALL-CONNOR, ANNE, civ eng trainee, SO, group award
HAMERS, LAURIE, cntrct spec, SO, prom to contracty spec, Helena NF
HIGHLY, KATHY, civ eng, SO, group award
HILL, TRACY, pers clk typ, SO, lateral to acct tech, RO (R1)
JACKSON, MICHAEL, wildl bio (temp), North Fork RD, career cond apt, wildl bio, Fremont NF (R6)
KAAGE, WILLIAM, frstr tech, Powell RD, lateral to frstr, Powell RD
KESSEL, WILLIAM, survy tech, Palouse RD, reassign to SO
KING, HAROLD (TED), aptt to oper res analyst, SO
LIESER, ED, frstr, Palouse RD, lateral to Flathead NF
ROHLFING, CHARLA, reinstatement to info recep, Palouse RD
ROMERO, CECILIA, frstr, SO, cash award
STEPHENS, CYNTHIA, career cond aptt to frstr tech, Palouse RD
TAYLOR, ROSS, civ eng tech, Deschutes NF, promot to land survy, SO
YOUNT, WILLIAM, frstr tech, Lolo NF, promot frstr tech (AFMO), North Fork RD

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

HEINTZ, TOM, dist rngr, Grand River RD to Deerodge NF, reassign
KEY, JEFFERY, frstry tech, Beartooth RD, award
MARK, CHUCK, forester, Beartooth RD, reassignment
ORTEGA, STEVE, range con, Medora RD to Nez Perce NF, reassign
RUFSVOLD, COLLEEN, clk typ, Sheyenne RD, promotion
SMITH, CARLETTE, computer assistant, SO, promotion

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

BORSTAD, JAMIE, clk typ, SO rsrce, promotion
BURKHART, MARC, lead surveying tech, SO Eng, career cond aptt
CHRISTOPHERSEN, CINDY, supp services supv, SO, temporary promotion
GREGORY, SHARI, wildl biol, Glacier View RD, reassignment
HALVERSON, JANICE, frstr tech, SO, detail from Tally Lake RD
HOLTROP, JOEL, forest supvr, SO, promot from Nicolet NF
KREZELAK, JOE, elec tech, SO info sys, veteran's readjustment aptt
KUROPAT, BETTY, frstr, Glacier View RD, reassignment
LAW, DOUG, frstry tech, Tally Lake RD, temporary promot
LIESER, ED, frstr, Hungry Horse RD, reassign from Clearwater NF
LIPSCOMB, DAN, stud trainee, SO Wldlife Biology, reagmnt Kootenai NF
MCMLIAN, HOWARD, eng equip oper leader, Glacier View RD, won award of learning/travel on Helena NF
PETERSON, MARY, forest supv, Flathead NF, temporary promotion
PLYMPTON, HELGA, bus mgmt trainee, SO rsrce, Coop-ed aptt
PURCHASE, CAROL, hydrol, SO, promotion
RICHARDSON, RODD, deputy forest supv, Flathead NF, detail from WO
RIVERA, HENRY, wildl biol, Hungry Horse RD, won slot on an integrated management review

SOMLT-REES, KIM, frstr trainee, Swan Lake RD, reassignment
SULLIVAN, ELLEN ASH, wldlf biolgst, Hungry Horse RD, won informal award on Idaho Panhandle NF
VIRDELL, PAM, rsrce asst, Glacier View RD, temporary promot
WARREN, ROYELYNN, pub affairs spec, SO, temporary promotion
YARGER, DAVE, frstry tech, Glacier Vieiw RD, temporary promot

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

CALL, RICHARD (DICK), forester, SO, retirement
CARPENTER, MARVIN, lead frstry tech, Townsend RD, promotion
CHRISTENSEN, BRENDA, engineer, SO to Willamette NF conversion
COUTTS, THEODORA (TEDDI), comp assist, Deerodge NF to SO, reassign
CURRIE, ROBERT, forester, Umpqua NF to Lincoln RD, reassignment
DENONCOUR, JAMES, wildlife bio, Helena RD, award
DODSON, PAULINE, str. srchitect, SO, promotion
DOUTHETT, SHELLEY, range con, Townsend, RD, award
HAMERS, LAURIE, contract spec, Clearwater NF to SO, reassignment
HART, DENIS, district ranger, Helena RD, award
HOSKINSON, SALLY, resource clerk, SO, promotion
RONEY, MICHAEL, forester, Helena RD, award
RUDOLF, SUZANN, clk typ, SO, promotion
WATKINS, MICHAEL, forester, Townsend RD, award
WILEY, ARLENE, accounting tech, SO, reinstatement
WYATT, STEVE, range con, Humbolt NF to Townsend RD, reassignment

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ALLEN, KATHERINE, exc cond appt, stud trnee (frstry), Priest Lake RD
BEMIS, JOANN, supvry budg & acctg analyst, retired, SO
BOHON, TRACY, cash award, clk typing, SO
BROCKUS, KAREN, promotion, supvry frstry techncn, Priest Lake RD
BUE, THELMA, cash award, info recep, SO
FISCUS, WENDY, exc cond appt, stud trainee (frstry), St. Maries RD
HOUGHTON, JANE, student trainee (Indscp arch), promotion, SO
HOWLETT, GERALDINE, ccc, lead frstry tech, Bonners Ferry RD
JACOBSON, CHRISTOPHER, ccc, frstry tech, Bonners Ferry RD
JOHNSON, LESTER, cash award, supply clk, SO
KINCHELOE, JULIE, promotion, frstr, Fernan RD
LEVERICK, MICHAEL, frstry tech, reassign, Wallace RD
LINDSTROM, CONNIE, supvry contract spec, Bitterroot NF, promot IPNF-SO
LIONBERGER, SHERI, frstr, Sandpoint RD, reassignment, Fernan RD
LUX, DAVE, cash award, supvry frstr, Avery RD
MACDONALD, YVONNE, cash award, clk typing, SO
MACK, SANDRAH, cash award, wildl bio, Avery RD
MAGERS, DAVID, cash award, frstry tech, Priest Lake RD
MANRIQUEZ, ARNOLD, career cond appt, frstry tech, Avery RD
MANRIQUEZ, DONNA, career cond appt, frstry tech, Avery RD
MARCHINEK, JOHN, com spec, Colville NF, reassign, telcom spec, SO
MCQUADE, GLORIA, career cond appt, frstry aid, Avery RD
MECKEL, MARGARET, promotion, convync exmn, SO
MEHAFFIE, NANCY, promotion, frstr, Avery RD
MUNCEY, DAVID, elec tech, temp promotion, commun spec, SO
NELSON, STEVEN, career cond appt, frstry tech, Avery RD
ROTH, TERRANCE, qsi, civil engrg tech, Bonners Ferry RD
SHELDON, KAREN, promotion, student trainee (forestry), Fernan RD
SPECHT, JOHN, frstry tech, reassign, frstr, Wallace RD
VANMAANEN, MARTIN, career cond appt, frstry tech, Avery RD
WOOD, DONNA, cash award, mail clk, SO

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, NANCY, archeologst, BLM, trnsfr, archeologst, Rexford RD
BOYSUN, DOROTHY, cc appt, resource clk, SO, AS
DRURY, BEVERLY, appt, info receptionist, NSSC
EDGMON, BARBARA, appt, resource clk, Fisher River RD
GOSSARD, JACQUELINE, appt, stud tr (CE) West Zone Engrg
GUILFOYLE, MICHAEL, frstry tech, Cabinet RD, resignation
HOWARD, DANIEL, frstry techncn, Libby RD, spec act/serv
LEO, GEORGE, civil engr techncn, East Zone Engrg, spec act
MITCHELL, PATRICIA, bus mgmt clk, Cabinet RD, transfer, clk, Dept of Energy
MYERS, JACK, civil engr techncn, SO, Eng, QSI
NIX, JANET, cc appt, info receptionist, NSSC
NYGAARD, TWILA, resource clk, CSSC, reassign, acctg techncn, SO, AS
PFEIFER, BILL, contr speclst, SO, AS, promot, supv contr spec, R5, RO
POTTER, PAT, res clk, SO, AS, promotion, resource asst
ROBERTS, DAVID, supv CE techncn, East Zone Engrg, spec act
SHOTZBERGER, DEENA, frstr, Fisher River RD, promot, frstr, Libby RD
TAYLOR, PEGGY, res tech, CSSC, promotion, resource asst, SO, AS
THORN, JOSEE, frstry techncn, Libby RD, resignation
WEGNER, MARTI, civil engr, BLM, transfer, civil engr, East Zone Engrg
WEGNER, STEVEN, hydrologist, US Geol Survey, transfer, hydrologist, SO, RS

Clearwater, Nez Perce National Forests

LE Officers Bring Home Trophies

by Mary Bowman, Public Affairs Specialist

Law enforcement officers from the Clearwater and Nez Perce Forests gave an outstanding showing at the semi-annual Refresher/Requalification meet in Missoula, Montana. Officers were required to pass a combat pistol course, judgement shoot, and Gong Shoot (speed and accuracy). In addition, each officer is required to pass the Physical Efficiency Battery (PEB), which includes lifting weights, a flexibility test, a timed obstacle course, a 1.5 mile run and last, but not least, a body fat test.

Participants from the Clearwater and Nez Perce NFs took home three out of four of the trophies awarded. Bill Carpenter, Clearwater District, Nez Perce National Forest took home the coveted Brent Jacobson Memorial Award, which is given for the highest combined score from the physical fitness requirements and the combat pistol course. Chuck Wilson, Palouse District, Clearwater National Forest earned the Gong Shoot Award for best accuracy and speed with a handgun. The Physical Fitness Award (highest score for the physical fitness requirements) went to Mike Merkley, Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests.

Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forest law enforcement officers are required to pass the physical fitness test twice a year.

In Memoriam

Frank C. (Jack) Curtiss died April 7 in Mesa, Arizona, at age 83. A graduate of the University of Montana, Jack worked for the Forest Service for 42 years, beginning as a fire lookout. He served in various positions on the Beaverhead and Gallatin NFs, was supervisor of the Custer NF for several years, worked in the Regional Office in Missoula, and in 1957, transferred to the W.O. as assistant director of the division of range management. In 1962 he became assistant regional forester in charge of range management for Region Four.

Rolf Jorgensen, a retiree who's Forest Service career spanned 36 years, died June 25 at age 77. Rolf began his career as a foreman with the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. He served as district ranger for the Dixie and Salmon River Districts of the Nez Perce NF, and as Fire, Range and Wildlife staff officer at the Nez Perce S.O. He was supervisor of the Deerlodge NF (1956-66), and retired as branch chief of watershed management in the Division of Soils & Watershed, R-1 Regional Office in 1969.

Personnel Actions, cont.

WORTH, CHRIS, stud tr (frstry), Rexford RD, conv to appt, stud tr, RO

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

BREGE, DALE, fisheries biol, Salmon River RD, promotion
DEANE, PETER, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, reassign Clearwater NF
ERNO, HARRY, maintenance wrkr, Red River RD, retirement
GORMLEY, LILLIAN, frstr tech, Red River RD, promotion
NELSON-NEWMAN, PENNY, supv wildl biol, Elk City RD, promot
NEWMAN, RUSSELL, lead frstr tech, Elk City RD, reassign Allegheny NF
OSET, ROBERT, frstr tech, Moose Creek RD, cash award
ROUNDY, JEFFREY, lead frstr tech, Selway RD, conv career cond appt
RUTHRUFF, GREGORY, supv civ eng, SO, cash award
WEAVER, STEPHEN, wildl biol, Selway RD, cash award
WRIGHT, WAYNE, civ eng tech, SO, quality increase
ZUNDEL, MANFORD, maintenance wrkr, Red River RD, career cond appt

Regional Office

Students Win a Day With a Scientist

by Linda Lanham, Engineering

This spring, the Forest Service sponsored four special awards to students at the 35th annual Montana Science and Engineering Fair, hosted by the University of Montana. The judges were Bert Kulesza, Merv Eriksson and Linda Lanham, all of the Regional Office.

A certificate of achievement, a Northern Region cap, and an open invitation to spend a day with a Forest Service specialist were presented to each of the winning contestants.

Kristie Rae Freestad, grade 12, Missoula, won a day with a fisheries biologist for her project "The Effects of Habitat Alteration on the behavior of *Salmo Gairdneri*." Jahna Edwards, grade 7, Missoula, will spend a day with a hydrologist for her winning project, titled "The Effects of Heavy Metal Pollution on Invertebrate Life." It dealt with mining pollutants in the Clark Fork drainage. Brandie Theisen, Grade 12, Missoula, took data from the Blackfoot River for her project "Chemical Composition and Ecological Characteristics of an Acid Mine Drainage System." She will be paired with a mine reclamation specialist. Julie Johnson, grade 8, Ulm, had a winning project entitled "Hydroelectricity." She will spend a day with a Lewis and Clark NF engineering representative.

Many of the science fair projects examined contemporary issues and problems which are closely related to actual Forest Service work areas.

Retirements

Donna Allen, of the management systems staff in the Regional Office, retired in late June after 21 years with the Forest Service. She began her Forest Service career in personnel management in the R.O. in 1969, then transferred to the Clearwater NF supervisor's office in 1973. Since 1976 she has worked for management systems in the R.O.

Gene Imlay, group leader for fiscal services in the Regional Office, retired in June after nearly 32 years of Federal service. Gene worked for the Internal Revenue Service for four years before joining the Regional Office staff in 1965. He worked for the Bitterroot NF supervisor's office from 1967-70, then returned to the Regional Office as a staff accountant in the division of administration, where he worked until his retirement.

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Wildlife Poster Goes to Washington



John Hughes, Deputy Regional Forester (right), presents Chief Dale Robertson a framed poster for his new office. This striking poster of a mountain goat and two ptarmigan, entitled "Friends in High Places," invites the public to come visit the wildlife and fish resources of the Northern Region. The poster was developed through the efforts of the Wildlife and Fish-

erics Staff in the Regional Office. Artwork was donated by local Missoula wildlife artist, Dave Samuelson. Copies have been distributed to each Forest receptionist.

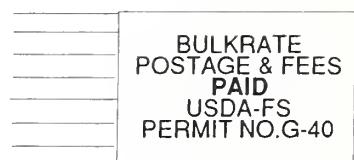
Hughes was in the Washington Office to present the results of a national review of the Forest Service Road Cost Share Program.

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